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DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN RAJASTHAN
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the work undertaken in the field of Science and Technology in Rajasthan during the last five years;

(b) whether Rajasthan is the most backward State in the country in the field of science and technology;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme for the advancement of science and technology ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) A number of Science and Technology programmes are supported by various Central Ministries/Departments in Rajasthan. According to available official statistics, the number of R&D projects funded in the State of Rajasthan during the last five years (1994-95 to 1998-99) is 33, 36, 50, 42 and 45 with an approved cost of Rs. 396 lakhs, Rs.292 lakhs, Rs. 329 lakhs,Rs.504 lakhs and Rs.731 lakhs.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

(d), (e) & (f) Yes, Sir. Various schemes are being implemented for the advancement of Science and Technology in the State of Rajasthan such as Science and Society, Science Engineering Research Council, National Council for Science and Technology Communication, Assistance to State S&T Councils, Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development, Instrumentation Development, Fly Ash Mission, Extramural Research and Development schemes etc.